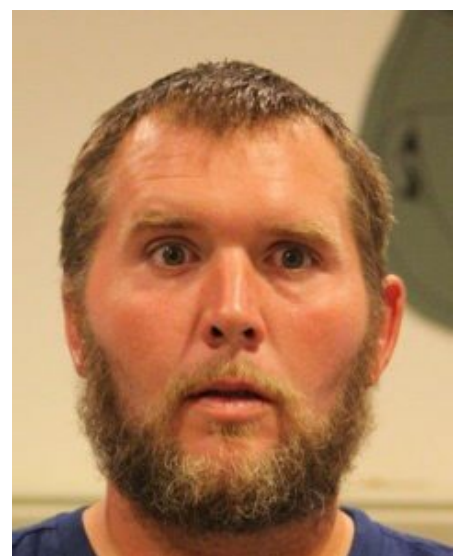


DNREC's Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police arrest Frederica couple for theft and commercial crabbing violations



Patricia Ewing



Matthew Ewing

FREDERICA – An investigation by DNREC's Delaware Fish &

Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers into multiple complaints of theft and commercial crabbing violations resulted in the arrests today of a Frederica couple. The couple was arrested for tending crabs pots belonging to another commercial crabber, stealing crabs out of the pots, and selling the crabs for profit.



Matthew Ewing, 35, a licensed Delaware commercial crabber, was charged with one count each of theft under \$1,500 and conspiracy in the third degree, and 22 counts each of lifting a commercial crab pot belonging to another commercial fisherman and unlawful take of shellfish.

Patricia Ewing, 35, was arrested for one count each of theft under \$1,500.00 and conspiracy in the third degree, and 22 counts of unlawful take of shellfish.

Both Matthew and Patricia Ewing were arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 7 in Dover. Matthew Ewing was released on a \$2,300 unsecured bond and Patricia Ewing was released on a \$1,100 unsecured bond pending future court appearances in the Kent County Court of Common Pleas.

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